

**SWEDEN DEFENDS  
HER GERMAN TRADE**

Repeats Early Stand of U. S. on  
Rights of Neutrals  
in War.

**OPPOSED TO EMBARGO**

Says Conception of Exports to  
Kaiser Is Immoderately  
Exaggerated.

STOCKHOLM, July 22.—Herewith is a digest in the form of six questions and six answers from authoritative sources of the highest Swedish opinion on the Swedish food situation as affected by America's rigid export decisions.

First question: "Has a warring Government the legal or moral right to make drastic export restrictions affecting the life and health of a friendly nation?"

Answer: "The United States during the early years of the war most emphatically asserted its legal and moral right to trade with neutral and belligerent countries and condemned Germany's measures against Belgium, hence it is evident that according to the principles maintained by the United States the life and well-being of neutral nations cannot on any account be legitimately attacked by the belligerents."

Second question: "If no such right exists what can a friendly Power do in the way of protest or self-protection?"

Answer: "The friendly Power should protest and to pursue its rights in using every means consistent with policy and interests."

Small Amount Exported.

Third question: "Is there a greatly exaggerated idea of Scandinavian trade with Germany?"

Answer: "The common conception of Swedish exports to Germany are immoderately exaggerated. As regards cereals, Sweden is compelled to import about one-fourth of the requirements under normal conditions. Supposing the impossible, namely, that all Swedish grain, imported and home grown, were exported, it would not meet the requirements of the Central Empire only for a few weeks. From this it is clear how insignificant is the quantity we could export, particularly considering the prevailing and threatening famine conditions, and how much out of the question is the alternative, that we should desire to export."

Fourth question: "Can Sweden get safely through next winter without food from abroad?"

Answer: "It has been stated in the lower to the question that Sweden, in normal conditions, importing one-fourth her necessary cereal supply. It then also is clear that if we are thrown upon our own resources we can meet our needs for a year or more by severe rationing, but on the other hand, Sweden will go through the greatest suffering rather than give up her independence. And hardships caused by importation are certain to have a very strong influence upon public opinion against those who bring on the suffering."

Fifth question: "Is Sweden's commercial activity more or less dependent on Germany?"

Answer: "From Germany Sweden obtains certain very necessary commodities, in particular coal, coloring matters and medicine. An Swedish industry is to a considerable extent dependent on German raw materials. A cessation of the same would result in widespread unemployment, increasing already under existing difficulties."

Acts With Neighbors.

Sixth question: "In solving the food problems will Sweden act in concert with other Scandinavian Powers?"

Answer: "Sweden has no desire as much as possible of acting in common with other Scandinavian countries, and also with other neutral European States. In this respect it is remembered that at a Stockholm conference of Scandinavian Ministers last year certain principal principles were laid down for collaboration in economic matters during and after the war. Likewise it was unanimously agreed that the arrangements for mutual cooperation and exchange of commodities between the Scandinavian countries began about the time the war might be carried on in the same manner and further developed. In this connection it is important to note that the newspaper Tidningen, which is the best informed on governmental policies, says:

"It is not for Germany's sake; least of all for her sake, in view of Germany's past war against our helpmates, that we are standing fast by our neutral mercantile policy and our right to free exchange of goods with both sides. Each side in the present war is trampling on our rights and our freedom. It is only our Swedish interests, our rights and duties as a genuinely neutral country, which must be our guiding star."

STOCKS ARE SEIZED.

Government Expropriates Growing Cereals and Goods on Hand.

STOCKHOLM, July 22.—The Swedish Government has expropriated growing crops of all cereals, vegetables and sugar beets. It has also ordered expropriated all stocks of these which may be in the country as of September 1 from the 1916 crops, with the exception of limited quantities in private households.

GIRL VANISHES IN HAVANA.

American Governess Disappears While Walking Through Park.

HAVANA, July 22.—The Havana secret police are searching for Miss Ruth Armstrong, formerly of Youngstown, Ohio, who disappeared last Monday night. Miss Armstrong came to Havana about two weeks ago to take a position as governess. Just prior to her disappearance she informed the family with whom she was staying that she was going for a walk in the park. She took nothing with her, and her belongings were found in her usual place. Miss Armstrong is said to have at one time taught in a school in Los Angeles.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, July 22.—Miss Ruth Armstrong taught school here last year and made her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams. At the close of the year she went to Salt Lake City to visit a brother and later went to Havana, where she had obtained a position as governess in a wealthy family.

\$700,000 Fire in Foodstuffs.

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Argentina to Greet U. S. Ships.

Buenos Aires, July 22.—The Minister of Marine is making arrangements to greet the American Ambassador, Frederic J. Stimson, to welcome the American squadron on Tuesday. Delegations representing the Government and the great Admiral will go down to the harbor to greet the Capitan.

Baker Inspects Camp Meade.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Secretary of War Baker made an inspection to-day of Camp Meade, the draft army camp in Anne Arundel county.

He was taken about the camp by Major Ralph F. Proctor, U. S. A. The camp is expected to be ready to receive troops September 1.

Two Lost Lives in New Jersey Steel Plant.

WHARTON, N. J., July 22.—A platform on the Wharton Iron and Steel Company's plant on which Joseph Syell and Joseph Costi of Wharton were working gave way last night, and both of them were killed. They were working with molten metal. Then a terribly burned and both died to-day in the General Hospital at Dover.

The burning metal that splashed out of the vat when the two men plunged into it set fire to the building, causing damage estimated at \$25,000 before the fire department brought it under control.

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